

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1 1. A face plate apparatus for covering the drive and port interfaces of a
2 computer, the apparatus comprising:
3 a cover plate for concealing a plurality of interfaces for drives of different
4 sizes of a computer while in a closed position, the cover plate
5 including a window;
6 a drive door for covering the window in the cover plate through which a drive
7 interface can be accessed while the cover plate is in a closed position;
8 and
9 a mechanism for securing the cover plate to a computer chassis.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the computer chassis comprises a small
2 form factor computer chassis.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a set of engaged gears to
2 slow the open/close mechanism of the cover plate.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein one of the slotted panel, cover plate,
2 and drive door are substantially opaque.

1 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of interfaces comprise an
2 interface for a 3 ½-inch drive and an interface for a 5 ¼-inch drive.

1 6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the drive door, while in a closed
2 position, is configured to conceal an interface for a 5 ¼ -inch drive.

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1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a second cover plate for concealing a plurality of port interfaces of a computer
3 while in a closed position.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cover plate is secured to a
2 computer chassis and is further configured to rotate around an axis parallel to the front of
3 the computer chassis.

1 9. The panel of claim 6, wherein the computer chassis comprises a small
2 form factor computer chassis, further comprising:
3 a second cover plate for concealing a plurality of interfaces for ports of a
4 computer while in a closed position.